GENERAL HOSPITAL—RADIUM DEPARTMENT—PROVISION OF WATER TAPS

73. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Radium Department of the General Hospital, Ernakulam, is provided with water taps?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The bath rooms and lavatory recently constructed in the Radium Department are not provided with water taps.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—CHARGES FOR OPERATIONS

74. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam—Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are fixed charges for various operations conducted in the General Hospital, Ernakulam;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to place on the table a list of those charges?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A list is placed on the Council table.

TUBERCULOSIS SPECIALIST—TRAINING OF ONE FROM SERVICE

75. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the period for which the Tuberculosis Specialist has been entertained in service expires;

(*b*) whether they intend to send up for training to Madanapalle one from the service to take up the place of the specialist?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) On 1st January 1942.

(*b*) Yes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—*(cont.)*

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Sir, while it is a matter of complacency that during the past three years and in the coming year we are going to have surpluses, it should at the same time be remembered that creating a surplus in the State finance is an easy thing; because when your income is Rs. 1,000 this year and when the budgetted expenditure is Rs. 999 you have a surplus. But that

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